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Rips Fleet Getting Underway.

The Rips fleet is getting quite a move on. Already 7 of these "drifters" have sailed and others will get away before the week is over. Next week will see the bulk of the fleet getting under way.

Those which have sailed to date are schs. Corsair, Good Luck, Olympia, Boyd and Leeds, E. C. Hussey, Mina Swim and Fannie E. Prescott.

Sch. Flavilla, which has been market fishing all winter, has been overhauled at this port and has fitted for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Dobson.

Capt. Asa McComisky will fit out sch Etta Mildred for Rips fishing.

Capt. Albert Goodwin, who is going out in command of sch. William H. Rider for one trip drifting, will take sch. Etta Mildred when he comes in again and Capt. McComisky will shift over into the Rider.

Thought Fish Had Wondrous Vitality.

Talk about vitality—well, the codfish, according to the men on Commercial wharf, has all the other members of the finny tribe "skun a mile." At least, that is what the men there thought one day last week until they learned the true facts in the case.

Among the fish brought in by one of the fishermen to C. A. Studley's was a cod. When it was landed on the wharf, the fish, which weighed 18 pounds, was seen to flap his tail. That was nothing remarkable but when the man who caught him said the cod had been landed the day before, the eyes of those about bulged out in amazement. It developed, however, that the cod was alive when taken off the trawl, was placed in a trap over night and so taken out alive from the water the day it was brought in.

Former Gloucester Fisherman Died at Pensacola.

Frank Friend, aged 65, a Pensacola snapper fisherman and well known at this port from which he has also fished died last week at the sanitarium in that city, after a few days' illness. He had been failing in health, however, for some time. The Fishermen's Benevolent Association, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body. His native place was Sedgwick, Me. He leaves no near relatives. Mr. Friend came to Florida two years ago when the sch. Henrietta Martin was bought by the E. E. Saunders Company, from this port. Later he went north again, but returned when sch. Ida M. Silva was bought by Pensacola dealers last fall and sailed for there from this port.

Captured Large Porpoise.

A large porpoise, measuring about five feet long, was brought in by the fishing sch. Isabell which docked at T wharf, Boston, Monday. This is the first porpoise landed for many months, and was caught only after a most thrilling experience by two members of the Isabell, named Foge and Bennett.

While in a dory off Plymouth they felt something tugging at their net. It was discovered upon investigation that it was a porpoise.

The fish fought hard for its freedom and pulled the dory containing the men a distance of four miles before they finally killed it by a blow on the head. Both seamen said it was the liveliest ride they ever had.

Salt Bank Dory Handliners.

Thus far five of the salt bank dory handline codfishing fleet have sailed. schs. Tattler, Athlete, Flirt, Harry A. Nickerson and Fannie A. Smith.

Schs. Gladiator and Hiram Lowell have gone from here to Bucksport, Me., to fit out.

Several more are about ready here, while others are fitting. The fleet will not approach in size that of last season.

Provincetown Marine Notes.

Sloop Vesta parted chain and went ashore at Editor Grozier's place Tuesday night during the southeast gale. The sloop had sail broken and lost main boom and gaff and one anchor.

Some small boats were damaged by the gale.

Sch. Mattakeesett of Boston, which went ashore some time ago at the ocean shore, partly floated in the gale Tuesday night and headed off shore.

Alewives Coming for Bait.

Alewives are coming in quantities sufficient to allow fishermen to use them freely for bait. About 100 barrels of alewives from Edgartown and along the Cape were received at T wharf Monday also a large shipment from New York. The fish are none too cheap, but the price is within the reach of the fishermen.

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Gold Codfish.

A gold codfish 18 inches long that tips the scales at just four pounds was at T wharf recently. It was brought in by sch. Mary C. Santos of Provincetown from Georges' banks. It looked just like any ordinary cod except that it was of a reddish, golden hue.

Fisherman Drowned.

Sch. Marguerite, Capt. Freeman Himmelman, of Lunenburg, N. S., is reported to have lost a man on the way from Halifax to the banks. The unfortunate seaman was Arthur Nilfort, of Rose Bay. It is understood that he was washed off the mainboom while reefing the sail.

New Fresh Fish Concern.

There is still another fresh fish concern at the Fort now. Antone Levado, who comes from New York recently opened up a place on the end of the Frank Stanwood wharf, just to the eastward of the Butler heirs wharf.

For Cape North Shacking Trip.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffery Thomas, after a most successful haddocking season, will now fix up and get ready for a Cape North fresh and salt cod shacking trip.

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Going After Flitched Halibut.

Sch. Oregon, Capt. Albert Flygare, has taken her salt for her flitched halibut trip.

Capt. Axel Laager, who has commanded sch. Grayling all winter in the Georges handline fishery, will now fit that craft for a flitched halibut trip to the northward.

Sch. S. P. Willard will go on a flitched halibut trip this season under command of Capt. Carl Adams.

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Irish Herring Glut Market.

There is little short of a glut in the herring market and as is inevitable under such conditions prices are demoralized. In fact, it is hard to get bids, except on the upper Holland, Scotch and English grades. The present state of the trade is due largely to the heavy invoices of Irish herring now being thrown upon the United States market. One steamer last week brought no less than 3400 cases, almost 1900 barrels, and about 2350 half barrels—sure proof of a lack of demand for them on the other side. In addition, unfortunately, the condition of the fish does not average nearly as high as several weeks ago.

Claimed Jettisoned Fish.

Alone and friendless, 120 barrels of salted fish have been made defendants in a suit in the United States district court by the Alaska Commercial Co. The fish are part of the cargo of sch. Allen A., which was wrecked on Kadiak, Alaska, in December, 1910, and the cargo jettisoned. Unknown persons rescued the 120 barrels and shipped them to the West Coast Grocery Co. at Tacoma. Now comes the Alaska Commercial Co. and claims the fish, which is valued at $1500. The grocery company refuses to surrender the goods.

Lockeport, N. S., Cold Storage Plant.

A new cold storage fish plant has been completed at Lockeport, N. S., the officers of which are nearly all Americans. The company will supply fishermen with bait, buy and deal in fish of every kind, except salt fish. Two 8-knot knockabout fishing boats, 18 men, and a steamer to buy and deliver fish and fish products at the factory, have been ordered in the United States. The smokehouse has a daily capacity of 40,000 pounds and will be one of the features of the plant.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Halifax Fish Stock Small

A trade report from Halifax, last week, states that the amount of fish in the hands of local houses is the smllest ever known at this season of the year, and that everybody is satisfied that long before the new cure is on the market nothing will be left beyond contract orders. It adds that dealers are inclined to hold their supplies for customers, believing that otherwise they would not have enough to carry them through.

Will Go to the Cape Shore.

Sch. Priscilla Smith will go to the Cape Shore on a mackerel seining trip, this coming season, in command of Capt. William Bissert, Capt. William J.Corkum, who has commanded the craft since she was built and owned a half interest in her, has disposed of his part of the craft to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, which own the other half.

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PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN MAY FORM COMBINATION.

The Fleet to Consolidate With Common Wharf and Other Business Interests.

Would Control 35 of the Finest Craft Hailing From This Port.

A plan of a very large magnitude, which has for its object the bringing together under one head of certain local fishing interests, controlling separately today, in its various component parts, some 35 fine fishing vessels, and which has been under serious consideration of those interested for about a year, has now reached a point where active steps toward the consummation of the idea are soon to be expected.

So far along have the plans advanced that it is understood that the necssary legal papers are now in process of preparation.

The plan is simply for the consolidation of the Portuguese fleet of this port, with a common wharf, a mutual insurance company of its own, its own sail loft, rigging loft, outfitting store, supply department and general office, also, in a certain way, the handling of what fish the said fleet may land at this port, which may take the form of selling to various firms without favor, or to the taking in of the fish, should the prices offered be not satisfactory.

The idea is not a new one. Leading Portuguese skippers, who number in their ranks some of the biggest money savers of all the fleet sailing from this port, have been quietly talking the matter over for more than a year. They figured that money could be saved and money made by concentrating their various interests, by coming together with a common wharf, a common fitting out place, in fact, by having a sort of concern in which all should be interested and benefit from.

At present it is understood that the plans have so far progressed that certain wharf properties are being looked over with a view to purchase or lease, and that many of the Portuguese skippers are ready to go ahead and put money into the plan.

The idea is to issue stock and have each of the 35 skippers take a certain amount or over that, should they see fit, in the co-operative concern. It is known that some of the leaders are willing and anxious to go ahead, believing that the establishment of such a concern would be for the best interest of all the Portuguese skippers and owners of the port.

The Portuguese own a splendid lot of vessels, all market fishermen of the latest design, and their success is well known. Their plan, as outlined above, they look upon as a purely business arrangement, whereby they can increase their efficiency and business success at a decreased cost of running the fleet as a whole.

Should the plans mature, such a concern, with its central office and business corps, its own wharf and outfitting and insurance departments and its fleet of 35 as fine fishing vessels as there are afloat, would surely be a very strong factor in the fishery life of the New England coast and also a prominent figure in the fisheries industry of this port.

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Salt Mackerel Market Steady.

A steady market is to be noted for salt mackerel, the stocks being in comparatively few hands. The strong tion to neglect the Irish product, which tion to negelct the Irish product, which is not cured and prepared with anything like the care and good sense that Norway packers have exerted for years. As a result, the Norway catch is in increasing request, which reacts upon the product of other countries. There is hardly a day that New York commission merchants do not receive cablegrams from the Irish packers offering the most liberal terms, but the Celtic producers must learn to take more pains in their processes if they are to even hold their own against the Scandinavians.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Capt. John E. Gorman Back from Florida.

Capt. John E. Gorman, of Somerville, formerly of this city, who has been at Florida the past winter in the interest of the S. L. Storer Company of Fulton Market, New York, was here yesterday renewing acquaintances and getting a line of what crafts are going seining and netting this season. He will return to Fulton Market today and remain there until the fleet begins to land at Newport, when he will take up his headquarters at the latter place. Capt. John has a host of friends here and all along the line who are always glad to greet his cheerful countenance.

High Prices Energize Lunenburg.

A Lunenburg, N. S., dispatch says: "The high price of fish together with the prospects of still higher prices through the reciprocal relations about to be consummated between Canada and the United States, has caused unusual energies in connection with the fishing industry in Lunenburg. Already about 70 vessels have cleared for the fishing grounds, and the remainder of the fleet is being speedily equipped for the Grand Banks."

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American Agents Purchased Newfoundland Fish.

The Newfoundland western coast bankers have finished their spring trip, which began very early this year, some crafts starting on February 1st off Channel, and some 20 in all being engaged, besides many smaller boats and some halibut catchers. The voyage was unusually successful, the catch being above last year's, but owing to the intense cold and frequent storms, the crews suffered greatly, many being so badly frosted as to have to be put on the sick list.

The "grounds" teemed with cod and halibut during the season and fine takes were made daily, and the agent of an American concern bought all these, fresh, that he could secure and shipped them to America. Most of our vessels though declined to sell, but Capt. Kennedy of sch. Gertrude, and one or two others made $600, apiece in their way from two "sets" of their trawls.

The best catch for local crafts was sch. Valeria, of Belleoram, which got 1200 qtls. fishing from February 1st, while sch. Grace Tibbo, of Grand Bank, took 800. The others ranged from 500 to 300 qtls., and for the fleet the average is 400, an excellent start for the year. The vessels are now returning to unload and refit, when they will start on their "herring trip." Gloucester vessels already on the west coast banks report fish in abundance, but weather adverse.

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Many Made Another Market Trip.

Some of the skippers of the offshore haddockers are thinking seriously of making another market trip, with fresh bait, before getting ready for the Cape North shack trip.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Marion Turner was at Yarmouth, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Yakima was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

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NO OFF-SHORE ARRIVALS HERE.

BUT SHORE BOATS AND LAKE BOATS ARE BRINGING IN GOOD FARES.

Arrivals from off-shore still hold aloof, although there are really but few crafts due, this being more the season of departures than arrivals.

The little shore boats are still doing well and yesterday they had 20,000 pounds of cod and haddock at the Fort. The lake boats too are keeping up their money-making streak and had about 26,000 pounds in all yesterday afternoon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Nomad, shore, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Small boats, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thalia, Rips.
Sch. William H. Rider, Rips.
Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, $5; medium, $4.50; snappers, $3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, $4.75; medium, $4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, $4.50; medium, $4.

Haddock, $2.

Pollock, $2.

Cusk, large, $2.50; medium, $2; snappers, $1.50.

Hake, $1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, $1.10.

Large cod, $2.25; mediums, $1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, $1.60; mediums, $1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, $1.10; round $1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9½c for grey.

New Schooner Had Good Catch.

The newest fishing schonoer, the Eleanor DeCosta, was at T wharf, yesterday, with her first catch. Capt. John Fields, who has charge of her, gives her the reputation of a staunch, good-going vessel. Capt. Fields left Provincetown Thursday, and was out in the recent gales. He fished south of the cape off Chatham. The gale Saturday and Sunday gave him an opportunity to try out the qualities of his vessel, and he dodged about in the storm, using all the tricks of seamanship to test her. Capt. Fields had his two topmasts up, and his topsails ready for use, and Tuesday on his way in set his maintopsail. His first catch was a good one.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson Ashore and Floated.

While inward bound to T wharf yesterday morning, sch. Flora S. Nickerson, Capt. O'Neill, ran ashore between Boston light and Bug light. For two hours the schooner remained there, being pulled from her perilous positon by the tug Mary Arnold. A heavy sea was running when she struck but she was apparently uninjured.

Halifax Fish Market.

Conditions on the local fish market remain practically unchanged. The severe storm last week demoralized almost all the lobster gear. The traps had only been set a few days, and this disastrous storm worked such havoc that it will be some time before the lobster fishermen will have their traps replaced. This will make the season shorter than usual.

On Their Way Home.

Capt. Fred Upshall of the wrecked sch Colonial and Capt William H. Thomas, who went to Burgeo, N. F., the scene of the wreck, in the interest of the underwriters, left Burgeo yesterday, coastwise for St. John's, from which port they will take a steamer for Halifax and thence home. They should arrive in about seven or eight days.

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SLUMP IN FRESH FISH MARKET.

DECLINE IN PRICES AT T WHARF ACCOMPANIES THE ENDING OF LENT.

The bottom has kind of fallen out of the fresh fish market at T wharf as will be noted by the fact that shore haddock this morning brought only $2.10 and $2.25 and large cod sold for $3 to $3.75. Even hake were off, being quoted at $2.25 to $3.50.

It isn't the amount of fisn in that is causing the prices to go off, for this morning there are only 14 trips at the fish pier and 36,000 pounds is the biggest hail in the bunch. All the fares are from shore except that of the steam trawler Ripple, which has only a handful for her, 33,000 pounds.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia with 36,000 pounds, sch. Mary E. Cooney with 25,000 pounds and sch. Richard J. Nunan with 33,000 pounds have the best paying trips in sight.

Yesterday afternoon eight market boats and one off shore arrived and sold. The fares were small.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 33,000 haddock, 3200 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 24,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 4500 haddock, 5200 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 7000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 2400 cod, 20,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Mary Edith, 800 haddock, 12,000 hake, 2500 cusk.

Sch. Hobo, 2000 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 7000 cod.

Steamer Ripple, 28,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 1900 pollock.

Sch. Actor, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2500 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 5500 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 1400 cod.

Sch. Little Fanny, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 16,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos 3000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 1000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 1400 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 8000 haddock, 700 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, $2.10 to $2.25 per cwt.; large cod, $3 to $3.75; market cod, $2 to $2.50; pollock, $3; hake, $2.25 to $3.50; cusk $1.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

Tuesday the Albert W. Black came in with 7000 pounds of fish and the Carrie and Mildred had 5000, both for the F. S. Willard Co.

The crew of the fishing schooner Bertha and Bessie are now getting ready for a trip South after mackerel.

Pollock continue to fight shy of the nets of the local fishermen. It is said there are plenty of pollock in the water but the cold weather has kept them far below the surface so that the fishermen have been unable to tell where they are.

Fishing Schooners Watauga and Mary E. Sennett are both fitting out at Commercial wharf for the halibut fishery.

The Portland Argus says: "For some reason the Gloucester halibut catchers seem to be giving Portland the cold shoulder at present, eight fares having been taken into Gloucester since the last one was landed here. Schooner Kineo, one of the vessels which usually sold here, arrived at Gloucester yesterday with a fare of 27,000 pounds of halibut.

Will Fit for Mackerel Seining.

Capt. Enos Nickerson of sch. Pontiac is figuring on hauling out of market fishing a little later and fit for a mackerel seining trip, making one trip of it out off Block Island and then to the Cape Shore.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman will continue haddocking for a while and then fit for a Cape Shore mackerel seining trip.

Sch. Hockomock has hauled out of shore fishing and is now at Swan's Island, fitting out for south mackerel netting.

Will Go Dory Handlining.

Sch. John R. Bradley will fit for dory handlining under command of Capt. James Frelick.

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Ice and Bad Weather Prevent Fishing.

Word received recently from the southern Newfoundland coast at Rose Blanche and vicinity is to the effect that ice has blocked the fishing grounds there for the past three weeks and the local boats and American bankers have been unable to do little or any fishing. There are lots of fish there but the ice and bad weather have precluded operations.

New Nova Scotia Schooner.

J. McLean & Sons of Mahone Bay, N. S., launched the newy schooner christened the Nacoma and built for Capt. Zenas Conrad recently. The launch went off without a hitch. Work will be commenced at an early date on another schooner and the outlook for steady work is good.

Penobscot River Smelts.

It is said that more smelts have been caught in the Penobscot River at Hampden, Me., this winter than in a number of years past. Smelts and tom-cods have been shipped to the big markets and sold at 20 cents to 24 cents per pound.

Clam Bait for Portugal.

Six hundred barrels of clams were shipped from Sergentville, Me., to Potugal last week, to be used as fish bait. W. G. Sargent & Co., were the shippers. Each barrel contained 16 gallons of opened clams.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesday the steamer Carrie and Mildred had 5000 pounds of fish and the Eva and Mildred 12,000 for the F. S. Willard Co. The Elizabeth Nunan came in from Boston after bait.

Once more the lobster market at Portland is somewhere near normal in its tone. As has been predicted all along, the price of the crustaceans has dropped. Wednesday, the live fish were selling by the wholesalers at 30 cents a pound, about half what the price was a fortnight ago. The price being paid to the fishermen was 20 cents a pound.

Wrecked Sealers Rescued.

The steamer Bonaventure which was sent out from St. John's, N. F., several days ago to rescue the 140 men of the crew of the wrecked Newfoundland sealing steamer Harlaw, succeeded in reaching St. Paul's Island, where the sailors had taken refuge, yesterday. The men were taken aboard the Bonaventure which departed for St. John's after leaving provisions for the islanders who are not likely to see another vessel for several weeks because of the ice conditions.

Large Lobster Shipment Reached Boston.

The first of the bulk shipment of lobsters arrived at Boston yesterday on the Yarmouth steamer. There were 720 crates, and with an additional 34 on the Halifax steamer, they were very welcome. From now until the importations from the provinces stop in June the dealers are reasonably sure of a good supply at fair prices. The 754 crates received averaged 150 pounds to a crate, so the invoice amounted to 113,100 pounds.

Sick Fisherman Sent Home.

Among the passengers arriving at Boston yesterday on the Plant line steamer A. W. Perry, from Halifax, was Alexander Holland, a member of the crew of the fishing sch. Slade Gordon of this port. Holland had been sick, and his vessel put into Shelburne, N. S., where he sought the American consul and requested to be sent home.

Making Quick Trips.

Capt. Patrick Murphy of the sch. Emily Cooney is establishing a reputation for quick trips. Since April 2 he has made four trips to the fishing grounds at the Isle of Shoals, and has brought in each time a good catch. The crew of the craft has shared $80 per man in just one week. Pretty good pay—$80 a week and board.

Passed Iceberg.

Steamer Hesperian, at Boston, yesterday, reports that when off the Grand banks, in latitude 42.22 north, longitude 49.21 west, she passed an enormously large iceberg. It was nearly 1000 feet long, and 100 feet high.

First Rips Arrival.

Sch. Fish Hawk, Capt. Colin C. Nickerson, the first of the Rips codfishing fleet this season, arrived at T wharf, Boston, this morning, with a small fare.

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HADDOCK SCHOOLING OFF THACHER'S

UNUSUAL SIGHT WITNESSED by CAPT. FRANK E. COONEY and CREW.

If Capt. Frank Cooney and his crew of sch. Mary E. Cooney had a seine Tuesday afternoon, t[illegible] tell how many haddock they would have brought into T wharf the next day. It would have been a full capacity trip for their craft all right.

Capt. Cooney had worked his schooner off onto the well known spot off Thacher's island where they have been slaying the haddock of late. He got there late Tuesday afternoon and was making ready for a set early Wednesday morning. When he got off on the ground, there were haddock schooling just like pollock or mackerel. He and his crew gazed in amazement at the sight. It put them in mind of the stories of the old-time skippers about halibut schooling off Salt Island. But there they were, lots of them and schooling in great shape.

The practical skipper, though he had no seine, made up his mind to take advantage of the tip of the haddock as to where they could be found, so he just anchored a dory right on the spot, while the crew went to work baiting up and getting ready for the morrow.

Just at daylight Capt. Cooney worked his vessel up to the anchored dory and the crew began to set trawls. Evidently the fish were right there all right, for although they did not set much trawl, only about one tub to a dory, everybody got a load and the set netted 24,000 pounds.

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Competition for Gloucester.

A Lunenburg, N. S., dispatch says:

"More than 70 new vessels of the great Lunenburg fishing fleet have left port to compete for the first time with Gloucester fleet in the fishing industry off the Grand Banks. The fishermen will be joined a little later by a squadron of vessels now being put in commission. An unusual impetus has been given the fishing industry by the belief among the fishermen that the proposed reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada will be consummated, thus resulting in better prices for the season's catch. Many of the vessesl of the fleet are manned by men who formerly sailed out of Gloucester."

Sardine Season Opens Tomorrow.

The open season for the canning of American sardines will begin Saturday and continue until December 1. The pack of last season, which was much smaller than usual, because of the scarcity of fish, is practically all disposed of. During 1910, the bulk of the fish were taken along the shores of the western part of the state, the greater part coming by rail and steamers from Portland, and some even from here. At the present time, however, the prospects for a good catch at Eastport are excellent the fish having appeared in considerable numbers along the neighboring New Brunswick shores.

Must Pay Duty on Salt Used in Canning Fish.

The Apex Fishing Co. of Anacortes, Wash., is in dispute with the customs authorities over a provision in the treasury regulations permitting the withdrawal of imported salt free of duty for fish curing. The Apex company made withdrawals of salt which it used in canning salmon and the customs authorities demanded payment of duty, which the company refused.

The matter was submitted to the department at Washington, which decided that the salt withdrawn was used for flavoring purposes, not for the curing of fish, hence the duty must be paid.